## Form 5768

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of organization

## Election/Revocation of Election by an Eligible Section 501(c)(3) Organization to Make Expenditures to Influence Legislation

(Under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code)

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Employer identification number

Address (number and street) City or town, State and ZIP code 1 Election.—As an eligible organization we hereby elect to have the provisions of the applicable subsection of 501 of the Code, relating to expenditures by public charities to influence legislation, apply to our taxable year ending ....., and all subsequent taxable years until revoked. (Month, day, and year) Note: This election must be signed and postmarked within the first taxable year to which it applies. 2 Revocation.—As an eligible organization we hereby revoke our election to have the provisions of the applicable subsection of 501 of the Code, relating to expenditures to influence legislation, apply to our taxable year ending ........... (Month, day, and year) Note: This revocation must be signed and postmarked before the first day of the taxable year to which it applies. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am authorized to make this (check applicable box) ▶ ☐ election/☐ revocation on behalf of the above named organization. (Title) (Signature of officer or trustee) (Date)

## Instructions

(References are to the Internal Revenue Code)

Section 501(c)(3) of the Code provides that an organization exempt under that section will lose its tax-exempt status and its qualification to receive deductible charitable contributions if a substantial part of its activities are carried on to influence legislation. The applicable subsection under section 501, however, permits certain eligible 501(c)(3) organizations to elect to make limited expenditures to influence legislation. The election is only applicable to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1976. An organization making the election will, however, be subject to an excise tax under section 4911 if it spends more than the amounts permitted by that section. Furthermore, the organization may lose its exempt status if its lobbying expenditures exceed the permitted amounts by more than 50 percent over a four-year period. For any taxable year in which an election under section 501 is in effect, an electing organization must report the actual and permitted amounts of its lobbying expenditures and grass roots expenditures (as defined in section 4911(c)) on its annual return required under section 6033. Each electing member of an affiliated group must report the above amounts as to both itself and the affiliated group as a whole.

The election or revocation of election is made by entering the ending date of the taxable year to which the Election or Revocation applies in item 1 or 2 as is applicable and by entering the date signed and the signature and title of the officer or trustee authorized to make the election or revocation in the appropriate spaces on this form.

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Eligible Organizations.—A 501(c)(3) organization is permitted to make the election if it is not a disqualified organization (see below) and is described in:

- (a) section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) (relating to educational institutions),
- (b) section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii) (relating to hospitals and medical research organizations),
- (c) section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) (relating to organizations supporting government schools),
- (d) section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (relating to organizations publicly supported by charitable contributions),
- (e) section 509(a)(2) (relating to organizations publicly supported by admissions, sales, etc.), or
- (f) section 509(a)(3) (relating to organizations supporting certain types of public charities other than those section 509(a)(3) organizations that support section 501(c)(4), (5) or (6) organizations).

**Disqualified Organizations.**—The following types of organizations are not permitted to make the election:

- (a) section 170(b)(1)(A)(i) organizations (relating to churches),
- (b) an integrated auxiliary of a church or a convention or association of churches, or
- (c) a member of an affiliated group of organizations if one or more members of such group is described in (a) or (b) above.

Affiliated Organizations.—Organizations are members of an affiliated group of organizations only if—(1) the governing instrument of one such organization requires it to be bound by the decisions of the other organization on legislative issues, or (2) the governing board of one such organization includes persons who (i) are specifically designated representatives of another such organization or are members of the governing board, officers, or paid executive staff members of such other organization and (ii) by aggregating their votes have sufficient voting power to cause or prevent action on legislative issues by the first such organization.

For further details, see section 4911 and the applicable subsection of section 501.

**Note:** A private foundation (including a private operating foundation) is not an eligible organization.

## Where to File.-

If principal office of the organization is located in:	Send election/revocation form to:
Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia	Internal Revenue Service Center Cincinnati, Ohio 45298
Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and Utah	Internal Revenue Service Center 5045 East Butler Avenue Fresno, Calif. 93888
All other States, U.S. possessions and foreign countries	Internal Revenue Service Center 11601 Roosevelt Boulevard Philadelphia, Pa. 19155